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Sir:

The undersigned hereby certifies that the attached Statement of the Substance of Interview; Certificate of Mailing by First Class Mail; and Return Card, relating to the above application, were deposited as "First Class Mail," with the United States Postal Service, addressed to Commissioner of Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on this 27th day of November, 2006.

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STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW

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Sir:

This statement is in response to the Interview Summary mailed by the Examiner on November 1, 2006.

Initially, it should be noted that the Examiner initiated the telephone call which is now characterized as an "interview." Neither the undersigned nor the Applicant requested this telephone call. Should the Applicant desire an interview in the future, it is expected that such an interview should be granted, since this present "interview" was not at the request of the Applicant.

The Examiner stated that claims 1-22 were still rejectable, and asked that those claims be canceled. The Examiner further stated that claims 23-40 were allowable. The Examiner stated that cancellation of claims 1-22 would result in allowance of the application without further consideration or examination.

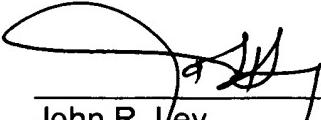
The undersigned pointed out that the claims 1-22 were believed to be allowable for the reasons stated in the Amendment and Response filed on or about September 18, 2006. The Examiner inquired as to the basis for patentability of the claims, and the undersigned pointed to the room temperature catalyst limitation as not being anticipated

or made obvious from the cited references, as stated in the September 18 Amendment. The Examiner responded by claiming that the room temperature catalyst limitation was a process limitation, which the undersigned respectfully traversed.

The undersigned requested full consideration of the September 18 Amendment, and the Examiner stated that the Amendment would be considered but would require a further search.

Respectfully submitted,

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